

# June 24-25: Celebration of pride in Native cultures

Anchorage's own "Spirit Days" celebration of Native American cultures returns this summer to the campus of Alaska Pacific University June 24-25.

The two-day festival continues the rededication, pride and sharing of Alaska's Native peoples, as well as tribes from the Lower 48.

This year's event features the "Savoonga Comedy Players" of St. Lawrence Island, a new "Miss Spirit Days" competition, traditional Alaska Native games, including the "Blanket Toss" and annual "Men-Versus-Women Tug of War."

Traditional foods will be shared in the annual community potlatch. The craftwork of Native artisans will be available in the open market.

The beauty and skill of Native dancers and groups will be displayed in exhibitions and an inter-tribal powwow. The public is invited to learn and share. A teaching session will give non-Native neighbors the steps.

At least six different Native peoples from throughout the state will give

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visitors a feel for the wide variety of Native cultures.

All events are free. The public is invited to join in this cultural event.